GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Damaged Grains due to Poor Storage
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) is well equipped for the storage of farm produce and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(b) the measures to be carried out for expansion of storage facility of farm produce in the country, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): Yes, Madam. FCI deals with foodgrains and sufficient storage facilities are available for storage of central pool foodgrains stock. Storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State agencies for storage of central pool stock is 783.17 Lakh MT including covered godowns of 633.00 LMT and Cover And Plinth (CAP) facilities of 150.17 LMT, against the stock of 555.40 Lakh MT as on 31.05.2017.
Normally peak stock of foodgrains in the central pool occurs around 1st June of every year. Total storage capacity available with FCI and State Agencies as on 1st June during the last four years with corresponding stock position in central pool is given below:
(Fig. in Lakh MT)
As on
Storage capacity owned by FCI
Storage capacity hired by FCI
Storage capacity with State agencies
Total Storage capacity
Stock position
01.06.14
156.47
226.58
375.47
758.52
622.31
01.06.15
153.42
215.33
357.68
726.43
568.34
01.06.16
154.15
208.32
449.47
811.94
534.29
01.06.17
154.25
207.45
421.47
783.17
555.40
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(b): Even though the peak stock position has been less than the total storage capacity, however, the following steps have been taken by Government in order to augment covered storage capacity in the country thus strengthening foodgrain storage infrastructure:-
Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme: Under this Scheme, storage capacity is created by private parties, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Agencies for guaranteed hiring by FCI. A capacity of 137.45 lakh MT has already been completed as on 31.05.2017.
Central Sector Scheme: This scheme is focussed on the North Eastern States. Funds are released by the Government to FCI and also directly to the State Governments for construction of godowns. During 12th Five Year Plan, a capacity of 1,17,680 MT in North Eastern (NE) States and 20,000 MT in other than NE States has been completed by FCI. Further, a capacity of 51,795 MT has been created by State Governments.
Construction of steel silos: Government of India has also approved action plan for construction of steel silos in the country for a capacity of 100 LMT in 3 phases as per details below:-

Year
Selection of Silo Operator (LMT)
Silo Completion (LMT)
2016-17
36.25 LMT (Phase − 1)
5 LMT
2017-18
29.00 LMT (Phase − 2)
15 LMT
2018-19
34.75 LMT (Phase − 3)
30 LMT
2019-20
50 LMT
Total
100 LMT
100 LMT
Against the target of 36.25 LMT for selection of silo operators in Phase −I, tenders have been awarded for 37.50 LMT. Against a targeted capacity of 5.00 LMT for silo completion in Phase-I, a capacity of 4.50 LMT has been completed.
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